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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 June 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reference "U" (MommysHeart).
2. The web page section "What are the secrets of successful breastfeeding?" describes methods of reminding mothers to switch feeding sides: "Moms we talked to suggested switching the breast each time to the last one used the time before. As a reminder, clip something to your bra, like a safety pin, velcro sticker, paper clip, anything small to help you remember what breast your nursed last". The reference thus teaches placing a sticker with "a self adhesive back side comprising a removably attachable adhesive capable of direct attachment to a garment" on the right side or left side, as claimed.
3. The reference does not specifically suggest a sticker with "a front side having a place for recording the time and length of said breastfeeding session", as claimed.

However, regarding claims 1-4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14, the "place" for recording any information would inherently be provided on the disclosed sticker, i.e. any sticker suitable for use, such as the suggested "Velcro sticker" in the reference, would contain a front side defining a "place" for recording by means of a pen, marker, etc.

4. In addition, one of ordinary skill in the art would follow the suggestion of the reference of using a "Velcro sticker" and "anything small to help you remember" to select any number of stickers of plastic or paper construction for this purpose, these generally having a surface which is suitable for writing. The claims noted merely require the sticker to have a "front side having a place for recording" and lack the recording step recited in the remaining claims.

5. With respect to claims 5,7,9,11, and 15, the step of recording the time and length of breast feeding sessions as claimed is not suggested in the reference.

However, it is well known to attach labels or stickers to clothing articles with written identifying information thereon. It is also conventional to note time, date, etc. of an event and record the same on paper or other writing surfaces. It would therefore be obvious for one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made, to record the time and length of breastfeeding sessions on the suggested stickers as a conventional method of noting desired information on a writing surface.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vit W. Miska whose telephone number is 571-272-2108. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, K. Cuneo can be reached on 571-272-1957. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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